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SUBJECT: SECVISIT LA: WRAP- UP REPORT ON SECRETARY' S VISIT TO
BRAZIL

1. THE KEY NOTE OF THE SECRETARY' S VISIT TO BRAZIL CAN PROBABLY
BEST BE TAKEN FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTER' S REMARKS AT THE AIR-
PORT ARRIVAL CEREMONY THAT " IN BRAZIL WE DO NOT HAVE OUTSTAND-
ING ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED, ONLY QUESTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED,"
WHICH WERE ECHOED BY THE SECRETARY AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
BANQUET IN HIS HONOR. THE EXTRAORDINARY CORDIALITY AND WARMTH
WITH WHICH THE SECRETARY WAS RECEIVED, THE EXTENDED CONVERSA-
TIONS HE MAINTAINED WITH PRESIDENT MEDICI AND FOREIGN MINISTER
GIBSON BARBOZA WERE UTTERLY CONSISTENT WITH THE OBVIOUS
OBJECTIVES OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO BUILD UPON THE CURRENT STATE
OF U. S.- BRAZILIAN FRIENDSHIP WHICH HISTORICALLY IS PROBABLY AT
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ITS PEAK. THE SECRETARY ALSO DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE TIME IN A HEAVY SCHEDULE TO CALLS ON PARLIAMENTARY LEADERS INCLUDING NOT ONLY SUPPORTERS OF THE GOVERNMENT BUT ALSO LEADERS OF THE OPPOSITION. THIS GESTURE WAS EXTREMELY WELL RECEIVED BY BOTH SIDES OF THE HOUSE. MOREOVER, PUBLIC REACTION TO THE EXTENT IT WAS REFLECTED IN PRESS MEDIA WAS CONSTRUCTIVE AND SYMPATHETIC AS WELL AS OVERWHELMINGLY FAVORABLE EXCEPT FOR RARE INSTANCES OF CARPING. ONE MAJOR DAILY STATED THE CASE SUCCINCTLY WHEN IT STATED THAT " BRAZIL WAS NO PROBLEM FOR SECRETARY ROGERS."

2. THE VISIT TO BRAZIL BEGAN WITH A WEEKEND STOP AT RIO DE JANEIRO WHICH PERMITTED THE RETURN OF PRESIDENT MEDICI FROM PORTUGAL, ALLOWED A STOP DURING THE COURSE OF THE SECRETARY' S RIGOROUS JOURNEY AND MET THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT' S DESIRE THAT OFFICIAL VISITS COMMENCE IN BRASILIA. AT THE SAME TIME THE OPPORTUNITY WAS TAKEN AND FULLY EXPLOITED FOR MEDIA IMPACT. BRAZILIAN ENTHUSIASM FOR SOCCER IN THIS VERY SPORTSMINDED COUNTRY MADE THE SECRETARY' S PRESENCE AT MARACANA STADIUM A MAJOR MEDIA FEATURE AND PARTICULARLY APPRECIATED WAS THE SECRETARY' S RECEIVING THE CAPTAINS OF THE OPPOSING TEAMS. THE SECRETARY ALSO PARTICIPATED IN AN INFORMAL TWO- HOUR EXCHANGE WITH SEVEN OF THE AREA' S LEADING MEDIA HEADS.

3. IN BRASILIA, THE SECRETARY HAD EXTENDED CONVERSATIONS WITH BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GIBSON BARBOZA, WHICH REPORTED SEPTEL, AND ATMOSPHERE WAS ONE OF GREAT FRIENDLINESS AND CORDIALITY. IN ADDITION TO AN INITIAL MEETING TOGETHER WITH THEIR STAFFS, THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER CONTINUED THEIR DISCUSSIONS AT A PRIVATE AND UNSCHEDULED LUNCH.

4. THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 22 WAS SPENT MAKING BRIEF CALLS ON RANKING OFFICIALS OF THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT. DURING THE FIRST CALL, ON VICE PRESIDENT RADEMAKER, THE SECRETARY EXPLAINED THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA AND REFERRED TO THE CLOSE TIES BETWEEN THE U. S. AND BRAZIL.

5. IN CALLS ON THE SENATE AND CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES,
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DURING WHICH THE SECRETARY WAS ABLE TO MEET NOT ONLY WITH SUPPORTERS OF THE GOVERNMENT BUT ALSO OPPOSITION LEADERS, HE EXPLAINED VARIOUS ASPECTS OF U. S. FOREIGN POLICY. THE CONGRESSMEN EXPRESSED SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE RECENT TRADE LEGISLATION PROPOSALS AND ASKED SEVERAL QUESTIONS ON PREFERENTIAL TARIFFS WHICH THE SECRETARY WAS ABLE TO CLARIFY. AS SUMMED UP BY CHAMBER PRESIDENT

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6. AT THE SUPREME COURT, THE CHIEF JUSTICE BROUGHT THE SECRETARY TO MEET WITH ALL THE ASSOCIATE JUSTICES. THE SECRETARY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE THE PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP AND TO COMMENT ON THE GENUINE INTEREST OF THE U. S. IN ITS RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA. HE ALSO SPOKE OF THE NEED FOR WORLD LAW WHICH IS RESPECTED BY ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS. THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SPEAKING AT LENGTH ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES, PRAISED THE U. S. FOR ITS LEADERSHIP ROLE IN WORLD AFFAIRS AND ADDRESSED THE SECRETARY AS " THE EMBODIMENT OF THE GREAT AMERICAN NATION WHICH IS COURAGEOUS, FIRM AND FULL OF WISDOM."

7. THE OFFICIAL PROGRAM FOR THE FIRST DAY CLOSED WITH A BLACK TIE DINNER AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR 126 GUESTS. THE THREE BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT WERE AMPLY REPRESENTED
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AS WERE THE COUNTRIES THE SECRETARY WAS VISITING. MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION PARTY (MDB) WERE ALSO INVITED. IN AN EXTEMPORANEOUS TOAST, THE FOREIGN MINISTER, IN ADDITION TO REMARKING ON THE STATE OF U. S.- BRAZILIAN RELATIONS AND HIS PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP WITH THE SECRETARY, DEVOTED THE BULK OF HIS TALK TO THE BRAZILIAN CONCEPT OF COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY. HE POINTED OUT THAT BRAZIL WISHES TO APPLY THE UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES OF COLLECTIVE POLITICAL SECURITY TO THE ECONOMIC FIELD.

8. THE CALL ON THE PRESIDENT THE NEXT DAY TOOK PLACE IN A WARM AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE, WITH THE CONVERSATION TAKING THE UNUSUALLY LONG TIME OF ONE AND ONE- HALF HOURS. THE SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF THE CONVERSATION WAS PRIVATE WITH ONLY THE PRESIDENT, THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER GIBSON BARBOZA PARTICIPATING, THE LATTER SERVING AS INTERPRETER. THE PRESENTATION OF THE MOON ROCK TO A BRAZILIAN NISEI STUDENT WHO HAD ATTENDED THE LAUNCHING OF APOLLO XVII MADE A MOST FAVORABLE IMPACT. FOR THE SECRETARY' S PRESS CONFERENCE, SEE SEPTTEL.

9. MEDIA COVERAGE OF SECRETARY ROGERS' VISIT TO BRAZIL WAS WIDESPREAD AND COMPREHENSIVE. USIS- PROVIDED BIOGRAPHIES AND BACKUP MATERIALS WERE WIDELY USED BY BRAZILIAN NEWS- PAPERS AND HELPED ROUND OUT THE EXTENSIVE STRAIGHT NEWS COVERAGE OF THE VISIT. THE SECRETARY' S STAY IN BRAZIL WAS FRONTPAGE NEWS THROUGHOUT THE FOUR DAY STOP. EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THE VISIT WAS LARGELY FAVORABLE. BRASILIA' S CORREIO BRAZILIENSE, IN A MAY 23 EDITORIAL, SAID " BRAZIL RECEIVES THE VISIT OF SECRETARY ROGERS AS AN EXPRESSION OF THE GOOD WILL OF A GREAT AND FRIENDLY POWER TO WHICH WE ARE UNITED BY TIES OF DEEP AND UNSHAKEABLE FRIENDSHIP." THE BRAZIL VISIT PROVIDED SECRETARY ROGERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE FOR BRAZILIAN AUDIENCES THE THEME OF PRESIDENT N
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